



December 5, 2022

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Mr. Michael D. Gormas
Office of Aviation Analysis
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: Essential Air Service at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell and Yakutat, Alaska (Docket DOT-OST-1998-4899)

Dear Mr. Gormas:

Attached are letters in support of the November 3, 2022 Proposal of Alaska Airlines, Inc. to continue to provide essential air service to the communities of Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and Yakutat, Alaska.

We have grouped the letters into three categories:

- (1) state and local government letters of support;
- (2) business/organizational and other community stakeholders' letters of support; and
- (3) individual letters of support.

Please note that some of these letters may have already been submitted to DOT. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

COZEN O'CONNOR

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By: Rachel Welford
Counsel for Alaska Airlines, Inc.

Attachments

**STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT LETTERS OF
SUPPORT**

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY22-23**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR
COMPENSATION BY ALASKA AIRLINES UNDER THE ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE
PROGRAM TO SERVE GUSTAVUS FOR MAY 2023 THROUGH APRIL 2025**

WHEREAS, Gustavus Alaska has benefited from passenger jet airliner service for decades before incorporation as the City of Gustavus; and,

WHEREAS, the Essential Air Service program subsidies have made reliable airliner passenger service feasible and economical for residents and visitors alike; and,

WHEREAS, summer activities in Gustavus and Glacier Bay greatly increase air travel into and out of Gustavus; and,

WHEREAS, the community, its residents, and businesses depend on summer visitors as an essential economic driver; and,


WHEREAS, many summer visitors are either unable or unwilling to travel on smaller air taxi aircraft for a visit to Gustavus and Glacier Bay; and,

WHEREAS, the having multiple competitive means of transport into Gustavus particularly during the busy summer season provides flexibility in travel opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Airlines has provided reliable service to Gustavus with the support of the Essential Air Service program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Gustavus supports the application of Alaska Airlines for compensation under the Essential Air Service program to provide service to Southeast Alaska communities including Gustavus for the period of May 2023 through April 2025 and encourages acceptance of the terms of the application.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this 14th day of November 2022, and effective upon adoption.



Mike Taylor, Mayor



Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk



CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

INCORPORATED MAY 30, 2008

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November 15, 2022

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Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska -DOT OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gormas:

The City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska strongly supports the continuation of the Essential Air Service program award to Alaska Airlines that provides daily jet service to Wrangell, and the southeast Alaska area.

Alaska Airlines' jet service to our community is critically important to Wrangell's economic stability. The EAS service provides the primary transportation lifeline to the larger population centers within Alaska, Seattle, and connections coast to coast. The ability to provide local businesses timely access to world markets is critical for the development and sustainability of rural communities. The capabilities of the new fleet of 737-700 freighters provides greater and more timely access to goods and products (including seafood) being shipped in and out of Wrangell not only to other States, but across the globe.

The lack of road access to southeast Alaska makes Wrangell heavily dependent upon daily scheduled jet air service provided by the Alaska Airlines EAS. Of significant importance is that Alaska Airlines aircraft are equipped with Required Navigation Performance Technology which enables the airline to reliably access southeast Alaska's airports during inclement weather thus reducing diversions and cancellations and, in turn, enabling people and products to dependably reach the community.

Essential Air Service has never been more important for Wrangell as we continue to see significant reductions in service to the community by the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS). This makes EAS provided by Alaska Airlines the only reliable scheduled transportation provider to our island community. Between 2009 and 2019, Wrangell air travel increased by 38%. There was a six percent (6%) increase between 2018 and 2019. We have every indication this trend will continue in 2023 and beyond.

Alaska Airlines provides a transportation lifeline for the community and has served Wrangell for over 40 years. We urge you to continue the carrier's EAS agreement for the coming term.

Sincerely,

Jeff Good
Borough Manager



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November 9, 2022

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Re: Order 2022-10-1, Continuation of Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova,
Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell and Yakutat, Alaska- OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gormas:

This letter is to express strong support for the selection of Alaska Airlines to continue providing essential air service to our communities.

Alaska Airlines has been serving Alaskans for 85 years with safe, reliable service. Because of Alaska Airlines commitment to serving the communities in our state, including those in Southeast Alaska that are especially dependent on air service, they are seeking a continuation of Essential Air Service (EAS) support to Cordova, Yakutat, Gustavus, Petersburg and Wrangell, Alaska. The EAS program's support for Alaska Airlines helps to ensure that these small communities will continue to receive a level of scheduled air service that meets the needs of both residents, schools and businesses in Southeast Alaska.

The new EAS agreement would provide jet service from May 2019 through April 2021. During this two-year period, Alaska Airlines would utilize 737 Next Generation all-passenger aircraft and a fleet of newer 737-700 freighter aircraft. The freighter aircraft will boost Alaska Airlines' cargo capacity in the state of Alaska and particularly Southeast Alaska.

Alaska Airlines service connects Southeast Alaska passengers to one or more major communities of interest, with single-plane 737 service to Anchorage, Juneau, Ketchikan or Seattle. From these hubs, our community can access the airline's extensive route system and benefit from its marketing relationships with other carriers. The passenger and cargo aircraft, which Alaska Airlines proposes to continue using on this route, provides freight, mail and cargo capacity that other carriers simply cannot provide.



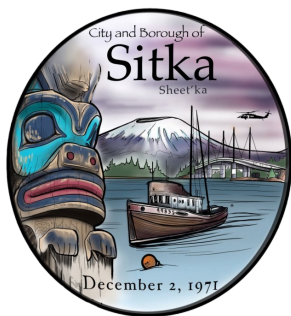
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Further, Alaska Airlines aircraft are equipped with Required Navigation Performance Technology, which enables the airline to reliably access the airport during inclement weather, thus reducing diversions and cancellations and, in turn, enabling people and products to dependably reach the community. Finally, Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well-being of Yakutat. The people of Yakutat support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

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November 30, 2022

[VIA EMAIL ONLY]

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Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gormas,

This letter is to express strong support for the selection of Alaska Airlines to continue providing essential air service to our community and Southeast Alaska with jet aircraft.

Alaska's service connects Southeast Alaska passengers and cargo to one or more major communities of interest, with single-plane service to Anchorage, Juneau, Ketchikan or Seattle. From these hubs, our community can access the airline's extensive route system and benefit from its marketing relationships with other carriers. The 737-jet aircraft, which Alaska Airlines will continue using on this route, provides crucial freight and mail capacity.

Since we are not connected to a road system, having safe, scheduled air service is vital to keeping our communities connected. Further, Alaska Airlines aircraft are equipped with Required Navigation Performance Technology, which enables the airline to reliably access Southeast Alaska's airports during inclement weather, thus reducing diversions and cancellations and, in turn, enabling people and products to dependably reach the community.

Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well-being of our community, and I support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

John M. Leach
Municipal Administrator



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Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well-being of our community and Tlingit & Haida fully supports their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at otp@ccthita-nsn.gov or (907) 463-72.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Peterson
President



10,000 years in our Traditional Homeland, Prince William Sound, the Copper River Delta, and the Gulf of Alaska

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November 09, 2022

Subject Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus,
Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gorman

The Native Village of Eyak submits this letter in support of the Department of Transportation's continued provision of Essential Air Services to Cordova and nearby communities.

Given the isolated location of the community and ongoing issues with weather events, it is in the best interest of the Native Village of Eyak to have access to Essential Air Services, and the navigation performance technology that Alaska Airlines has deployed to help ensure such access.

Should you have a need for further information or support, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ted A Wright

Ted A. Wright
Executive Director
Native Village of Eyak

**BUSINESS, ORGANIZATIONAL
AND OTHER COMMUNITY
STAKEHOLDERS' LETTERS OF
SUPPORT**



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November 21, 2022

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Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova,
Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska –
OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gormas:

This letter is to express strong support for the selection of Alaska Airlines to continue providing essential air service to our community and Southeast Alaska with jet aircraft.

Alaska's service connects Southcentral and Southeast Alaska passengers and cargo to one or more major communities of interest, with single-plane service to Anchorage, Juneau, Ketchikan or Seattle. From these hubs, our community can access the airline's extensive route system and benefit from its marketing relationships with other carriers. The 737-jet aircraft, which Alaska Airlines will continue using on this route, provides freight and mail capacity that other carriers simply cannot provide.

Since we are not connected to a road system, having safe, scheduled air service is vital to keeping our communities connected. Further, Alaska Airlines aircraft are equipped with Required Navigation Performance Technology, which enables the airline to reliably access Southcentral and Southeast Alaska's airports during inclement weather, thus reducing diversions and cancellations and, in turn, enabling people and products to dependably reach the community.

Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and we support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southcentral and Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

Cathy Renfeldt
Executive Director, Cordova Chamber of Commerce

11/14/2022

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Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and we support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,
Brittani J Robbins
Executive Director
Wrangell Chamber of Commerce



Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce

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Juneau, like most of Southeast Alaska is not on a road system so, having safe, scheduled air service is vital to these communities. Further, Alaska Airlines aircraft are equipped with Required Navigation Performance Technology, which enables the airline to reliably access Southeast Alaska's airports during inclement weather, thus reducing diversions and cancellations and, in turn, enabling people and products to dependably reach the community. This technology is critical to our community.

Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and we support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'M. McMillan'.

Maggie McMillan, Executive Director
Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce

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November 10th 2022

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Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and Petersburg Chamber of Commerce support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

Mindy Lopez
Chamber Administrator



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November 15, 2022

Michael D. Gormas,
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Re: Order 2022-10-1 Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or
Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gormas:

The Anchorage Chamber of Commerce has nearly 800 business members representing roughly 40,000 employees. For over 107 years, we have served as a resource where our members can gain business knowledge, insight and strength as business professionals. Our mission is to, advance a successful business climate by attending to the civic, economic and cultural betterment of our community. This mission is true for our support of commerce in the state of Alaska as well. For that purpose, this letter states our strong support for the selection of Alaska Airlines to continue providing Essential Air Service (EAS) to communities in Southeast Alaska.

For decades Alaska Airlines service has connected Southeast Alaska residents and met the cargo needs of Cordova, Yakutat, Gustavus, Petersburg and Wrangell, Alaska, with single-plane service. This service connects to Anchorage, Juneau, Ketchikan and Seattle. The 737-jet aircraft, which Alaska Airlines will continue using on this route, provides freight and mail capacity that other carriers simply cannot provide.

As the former Alaska Regional Sales Director for Alaska Airlines, I saw firsthand the dependency of air service to these communities providing a lifeline of supplies that no other carrier can deliver. The absence of a road system to most communities in Southeast Alaska contributes to the difficulty of delivering essential supplies and for providing access in or out of the area.

Alaska Airlines has tested and invested in safety technology primarily driven by the need to provide reliable air service to Alaska, and in particular the communities of Southeast Alaska. These technological upgrades include Required Navigation Performance Technology, which enables the airline to reliably access Southeast Alaska's airports during inclement weather, thus reducing diversions and flight cancellations.

As stated, Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic wellbeing of Southeast Alaska and the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce is in support of their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

Bruce Bustamante
President & CEO



Juneau-Gastineau Rotary Club
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18 November 2022

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Washington, DC 20590

Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gormas:

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Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and the Juneau Gastineau Rotary Club supports their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Balstad".

Elizabeth Balstad

Co-President/ Juneau-Gastineau Rotary Club



From: Gustavus Visitors Association Gateway to Glacier Bay <info@gustavusak.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 11:08 AM
To: michael.gormas@dot.gov; Tim Thompson
Subject: Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

To: Michael D. Gormas
United States Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Gormas,

I am writing on behalf of the Gustavus Visitors Association Board of Directors and associated members, we are writing to express strong support for Alaska Airlines renewal application to provide Essential Air Service (EAS) to five communities in Southeast Alaska, including our community of Gustavus, Alaska.

Alaska Airlines provides jet service from Juneau to Gustavus once daily during the summer months which provides dependable transportation for people, freight and mail especially during inclement weather days, which are common for our rainforest during the summer months.

Alaska Airlines seasonal jet service is the primary transport for the thousands of independent travelers who visit Gustavus and Glacier Bay National Park during the summer. Without this service, it would be far more expensive or take far more time for our visitors to travel here.

As a community that depends on tourism dollars to support our economy, the safe and reliable service provided by the Alaska Airlines jet is essential to the Gustavus community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please let me know if I may answer any questions.

Leah Okin

President

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November 23, 2022

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Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gormas,

The Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) supports Alaska Airlines' application with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to continue providing Essential Air Service (EAS) to five communities in Southeast Alaska, including Cordova, Yakutat, Gustavus, Petersburg, and Wrangell. JEDC fosters a healthy and sustainable economic climate in Juneau and throughout Southeast Alaska. In collaboration with other organizations, JEDC implements initiatives to maintain, expand, and create economic opportunities.

Without roads connecting our remote communities, Alaska Airlines' EAS is a lifeline for Southeast Alaska. While the proposed contract is only for specific locations in our region, we understand how important this program is to keep more rural residents and businesses predictably connected to hubs in Anchorage, Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, and Seattle, where people access goods, services, and medical care that they cannot otherwise obtain in their own communities.

Furthermore, Alaska Airlines' dependable Boeing 737 aircraft provide freight, mail, and cargo capacity that other carriers simply cannot provide. The airline's robust investment in required navigation performance (RNP) flight technology also allows enhanced access to airports despite inclement weather. RNP reduces diversions and cancellations and, in turn, enables people and products to dependably reach our communities. As Alaska's Capital City, the importance of having alternative airports available during challenging weather, helps us to better serve the entire State.

Without safe and reliable year-round flights, people living in our smaller, regional communities will be effectively cut off and the movement of freight, mail, and cargo will cease. Southeast Alaska needs these EAS flights to continue meeting growing demands and providing reliable services to the entire region for years to come. Simply put, Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well-being of our communities and the regional economy. JEDC strongly supports Alaska Airlines' application with the U.S. DOT to provide Essential Air Service to our neighbors in Cordova, Yakutat, Gustavus, Petersburg, and Wrangell.

Sincerely,

Brian Holst
Executive Director



December 1, 2022

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Re: Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gormas,
Please accept my comments in support of Alaska Airlines' request to continue to provide essential air service to communities within the southeast region of Alaska.

Ketchikan Visitors Bureau's mission is to promote Ketchikan, attract visitors and enhance the economy. Our island community, accessible only by air or sea, views Alaska Airlines as critical to the economic well-being of our town. Reliable, consistent air service between other towns in our region and Ketchikan is extremely important. Service provided by the Alaska Marine Highway, our state ferry system, which provides the only other available public transportation in Alaska coastal communities has been consistently decreasing for years. The ability to provide regular daily service to and from Ketchikan to Wrangell and Petersburg has been a benefit to all our communities.

Alaska Airlines has been a good partner and a reliable carrier for our region for a very long time, and as the company has expanded routes throughout the United States, it has vastly improved transportation options for travel to and from Alaska for residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patti Mackey
President & CEO



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November 30, 2022

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Dear Mr. Gormas:

This letter is to express the Sitka Economic Development Association's strong support for the selection of Alaska Airlines to continue providing essential air service to our community and Southeast Alaska with jet aircraft.

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Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well-being of Sitka and we support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

Garry A. White, Executive Director



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

November 28, 2022

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Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

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Southeast Conference is the state and federally recognized regional Economic Development District for Southeast Alaska. Our mission is to support activities that promote healthy communities, strong economies and a quality environment in the region. This letter is to express strong support from Southeast Conference for the selection of Alaska Airlines to continue providing essential air service to our community and Southeast Alaska with jet aircraft.

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Since most of the communities in Southeast Alaska are not connected to a road system, having safe, scheduled air service is vital to keeping our communities connected. Further, Alaska Airlines aircraft are equipped with Required Navigation Performance Technology, which enables the airline to reliably access Southeast Alaska's airports during inclement weather, thus reducing diversions and cancellations and, in turn, enabling people and products to dependably reach the community.

Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well-being of the communities in Southeast Alaska. Southeast Conference supports Alaska Airlines' application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska and urges your fullest support possible

Sincerely,

Robert Venables
Executive Director





Ward Cove Dock Group, LLC
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907-228-7788
info@wardcoveak.com

November 8, 2022

Michael D. Gormas, Office of Aviation Analysis
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat,
Alaska – OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gormas:

This letter is to express strong support for the selection of Alaska Airlines to continue providing essential air service to our community and Southeast Alaska with jet aircraft.

Our Alaska based business has invested over \$50 mm in a privately financed cruise ship dock and uplands facility in Ketchikan. We are the largest property taxpayer in Ketchikan and employ over 100 people. The flow of employees and freight through Southeast Alaska is essential for the success of this enterprise.

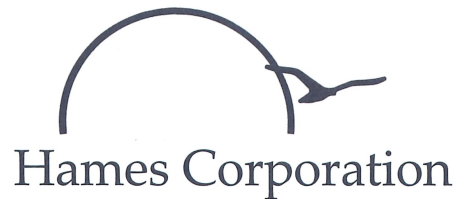
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Sincerely,

John Binkley
John Binkley, President
Ward Cove Dock Group



12/01/2022

Michael D. Gormas, Office of Aviation Analysis
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and (I/we) support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Hames, President
Hames Corporation
Office (907)747-6044
Cell (907)738-6044

November 14, 2022

Michael D. Gormas, Office of Aviation Analysis
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gormas:

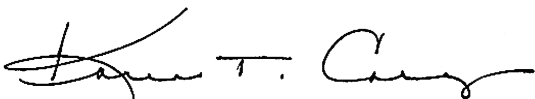
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Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well-being of our community and we support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,



Karen Carey, Ph.D.
Interim Chancellor
University of Alaska Southeast



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Petersburg, AK 99833
(907) 772-6000**

November 9, 2022

Michael D. Gormas, Office of Aviation Analysis
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

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Since we are not connected to a road system and the State of Alaska has essentially destroyed our marine highway, having safe, scheduled air service is vital to keeping our communities connected. Further, Alaska Airlines aircraft are equipped with Required Navigation Performance Technology, which enables the airline to reliably access Southeast Alaska's airports during inclement weather, thus reducing diversions and cancellations and, in turn, enabling people and products to dependably reach the community.

Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well-being of our community, and I support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Pawuk Holmgrain".

Sarah Pawuk Holmgrain
Broker/Owner
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spholmgrain@gmail.com

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November 10, 2022

Michael D. Gormas, Office of Aviation Analysis

United States Department of Transportation

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE

Washington, DC 20590

Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell and /or Yakutat, Alaska – OST – 1998-4889

Dear Mr. Gormas,

I am writing you today to express my support for Alaska Airlines to be selected for continued Essential Air Service to Wrangell and the other communities served under the EAS program.

The 737 jet aircraft that Alaska Airlines provides is a vital and necessary service to all of the communities of Southeast Alaska. Not only do we rely on their passenger jet aircraft to travel in and out of Southeast, but the freight and mail delivery they provide is a service key to our very survival.

With extreme weather patterns the norm here in Southeast Alaska, the Required Navigation Performance Technology that their jets are equipped with enables them to reliably access our airports in inclement weather. This in turn reduces diversions and cancellations and allows passengers and products to dependably reach their destinations.

In closing, I urge you to strongly consider allowing Alaska Airlines to continue their excellent service to our communities under the Essential Air Service program.

Sincerely,



Jeff Angerman

Owner, Angerman's Inc.

PO Box 928

Wrangell, AK 99929

November 11, 2022

Michael D. Gormas, Office of Aviation Analysis
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

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Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and we support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,



Diane K Otness
Kito's Kave, Inc.
200 Chief John Lott St
Petersburg, AK 99833
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Phone: (907) 772-3207

From: Glacier Bay Sea Kayaks <info@glacierbayseakayaks.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 11:15 AM
To: Tim Thompson
Subject: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

To: Michael D. Gormas
United States Department of Transportation
Office of Aviation Analysis
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Gormas,

I am writing to express strong support for Alaska Airlines renewal application to provide Essential Air Service (EAS) to five communities in Southeast Alaska, including my community of Gustavus, Alaska.

Alaska Airlines provides jet service from Juneau to Gustavus once daily during the summer months which provides dependable transportation for people, freight and mail especially during inclement weather days, which are common for our rainforest during the summer months.

Alaska Airline's seasonal jet service is the primary transport for the thousands of independent travelers who visit Gustavus and Glacier Bay National Park during the summer. Without this service, it would be far more expensive or take far more time for our visitors to travel here.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please let me know if I may answer any questions.

Kara Berg, Business Manager & Owner
Glacier Bay Sea Kayaks
P.O. Box 26
Gustavus, AK 99826
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<http://www.glacierbayseakayaks.com>

Xunaa Káawu Aaní áwé yéi xat yatee ka ax' yéi jixané
I live and work in Huna Tlingit Homeland.

From: Mimi Briggs <MBriggs@cordovamuseum.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 5:02 PM
To: Tim Thompson
Subject: Re: Order 2022-10-2, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gormas:

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Alaska Airlines' dependable service is a critical part of doing business in Cordova. Alaska Airlines brings our friends and families as well as business travelers to see and enjoy one of the pristine jewels of Alaska. Sporadic or no service would greatly affect our personal lives and many business that rely on air travel.

I am the director of the Cordova Historical Museum and our guest register alone tells the story of how many visitors we host annually. I also coordinate the Events at the Cordova Center, our event/meeting numbers are on the rise after the Covid-19 shutdown. Daily service is life blood for the businesses and visitor industry important to keeping Cordova a viable place to live and to visit.

Very Sincerely,

Mími

Marina 'Mimi' Briggs
Cordova Historical Museum
Cordova Center Booking & Events Team
PO Box 391
Cordova, AK 99574
907 424 6665

Obstacles do not block the path, they are the path - Unknown

From: Osa Arnold Schultz <adorealaska@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 25, 2022 4:22 PM
To: Tim Thompson
Subject: Re: Order 2022-10-2, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gormas:

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My husband & I rely on this daily service to provide supplies and stock for our 4 businesses as well as transportation for doing business, medical treatment and personal travel to Anchorage and outside the state of Alaska. Please continue to support this vital lifeline.

Sincerely,

Osa & Richard Schultz
PO Box 1291
Cordova, AK 99574
Dba
Pet Projects Unlimited 35yr
Mobile Grid Trailers, Inc 38yr
Seaview Condo 26yr
F/V My Prime Time - Area E Commercial Gillnetter 45yr

From: Leah Okin <okinleah@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 11:15 AM
To: michael.gormas@dot.gov; Tim Thompson
Subject: Fwd: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

To: Michael D. Gormas
United States Department of Transportation Office of Aviation Analysis
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Thank you for your attention to this matter and please let me know if I may answer any questions.

Leah Okin
PO Box 68
Gustavus, Alaska
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(907) 321 0345
okinleah@gmail.com

Business- Glacier Bay Sea Kayaks
info@glacierbayseakayaks.com

From: James Kearns <jamessearns148@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 3, 2022 3:03 PM
To: Tim Thompson
Subject: Fwd: Notice of my support for Alaska Airlines to continue Essential Air Service to Gustavus and other SEAlaska cities

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **James Kearns** <jamessearns148@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Dec 3, 2022 at 10:59 AM
Subject: Notice of my support for Alaska Airlines to continue Essential Air Service to Gustavus and other SEAlaska cities
To: <michael.gormas@dot.gov>

Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

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Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and I support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,
James S Kearns
Fairweather Adventures at Glacier Bay

INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF SUPPORT

11/11/2022

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Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and I support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy A. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "N" and "R".

11/11/2022

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Washington, DC 20590

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Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and I support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. ...". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

11/11/2022

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Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and I support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shellyn Bell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

11/11/2022

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Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and I support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Bell

From: joyce vassallo <joycevassallo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 12, 2022 8:56 AM
To: Tim Thompson
Cc: michael.gormas@dot.gov
Subject: Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

Dear Sirs,

This letter is to express strong support for the selection of Alaska Airlines to continue providing essential air service to our community and Southeast Alaska with jet aircraft.

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Since we are not connected to a road system, having safe, scheduled air service is vital to keeping our communities connected. Further, Alaska Airlines aircraft are equipped with Required Navigation Performance Technology, which enables the airline to reliably access Southeast Alaska's airports during inclement weather, thus reducing diversions and cancellations and, in turn, enabling people and products to dependably reach the community. Increasing service to continue with, perhaps, one flight a week through the winter would be most beneficial for these communities as well.

Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and **we** support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,
Joyce and Bruce Gallagher

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Kristie Beckett Hinchinbrook Holdings <325first@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 4:51 PM
To: Tim Thompson
Subject: Re: Order 2022-10-2, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gormas:

This letter is to express strong support for the selection of Alaska Airlines to continue providing essential air service to our community of Cordova and Southcentral Alaska with jet aircraft. Alaska Airlines service connects Southcentral and Southeast Alaska passengers and cargo to one or more major communities of interest, with single-plane service to Anchorage, Juneau, Ketchikan or Seattle. From these hubs, our Cordova community can access the airline's extensive route system and benefit from its marketing relationships with other carriers. The 737-jet aircraft, which Alaska Airlines will continue using on this route, provides freight and mail capacity that other carriers simply cannot provide.

Since Cordova is not connected to a road system, having safe, scheduled air service is vital to keeping our communities connected. Further, Alaska Airlines aircraft are equipped with Required Navigation Performance Technology, which enables the airline to reliably access Southcentral and Southeast Alaska's airports during inclement weather, thus reducing diversions and cancellations and, in turn, enabling people and products to dependably reach the community.

Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well-being of our Cordova community and I support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southcentral and Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,
Kristie Beckett
317 First Street
PO Box 36, Cordova AK 99574

Richard L. Nerland

November 16, 2022

Michael D. Gormas, Office of Aviation Analysis
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus,
Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

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Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well being of our community and I support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southeast Alaska. Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Nerland
907-529-1933

From: Ron Loesch <captainron389@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 7:52 PM
To: michael.gormas@dot.gov; Tim Thompson
Subject: Re: Order 2022-10-1, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska – OST-1998-4899

Michael D. Gormas
United States Department of Transportation
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Mr. Michael Gormas:

I encourage your office to continue to provide daily 737 jet service to Petersburg and other S.E. communities in Alaska receiving funding for Essential Air Service.

I have been a resident of S.E. Alaska for 50 years and Petersburg for 47 years. I have watched the community and the region prosper as a result of daily jet service that Alaska Airlines provides.

Please continue the funding that will allow this level of service to continue.

Regards,

Ron Loesch
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From: Teal Barmore <teal.barmore@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 4:55 PM
To: Tim Thompson
Subject: Re: Order 2022-10-2, Essential Air Service (EAS) at Cordova, Gustavus, Petersburg, Wrangell, and/or Yakutat, Alaska OST-1998-4899

Dear Mr. Gormas:

This letter is to express strong support for the selection of Alaska Airlines to continue providing essential air service to our community and Southeast Alaska with jet aircraft. Alaska's service connects Southcentral and Southeast Alaska passengers and cargo to one or more major communities of interest, with single-plane service to Anchorage, Juneau, Ketchikan or Seattle. From these hubs, our community can access the airline's extensive route system and benefit from its marketing relationships with other carriers. The 737-jet aircraft, which Alaska Airlines will continue using on this route, provides freight and mail capacity that other carriers simply cannot provide. Since we are not connected to a road system, having safe, scheduled air service is vital to keeping our communities connected. Further, Alaska Airlines aircraft are equipped with Required Navigation Performance Technology, which enables the airline to reliably access Southcentral and Southeast Alaska's airports during inclement weather, thus reducing diversions and cancellations and, in turn, enabling people and products to dependably reach the community. Alaska Airlines' service is critical to the economic well-being of our community and we support their application to provide Essential Air Service to Southcentral and Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,
Teal Barmore